

# Worksession

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	7
<b>Meeting Date</b>	March 15, 2004
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<b>Discussion Item</b>	Transportation of Hazardous Waste
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Council of the District of Columbia is considering Bill 15-525, the "Terrorism Prevention and Safety in Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 2003" to address concerns about the shipment of hazardous materials through Washington, DC. The purpose of the bill is "to prohibit large shipments of certain extremely dangerous materials through or near the National Mall in order to reduce the risk of attacks by terrorists; to allow for the issuance of permits authorizing such shipment in special cases; and to require the Mayor to issue regulations to implement the provisions of this act."</p> <p>Fred Millar of the DC Local Emergency Planning Committee will be presenting information on these shipments, some of which pass through the City of Takoma Park via rail. It may be that the City of Takoma Park and other suburban jurisdictions could support efforts to encourage re-routing of the hazardous materials.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	The City Council is concerned with the safety of its citizens and seeks to be informed on safety matters.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	na
<b>Attachments</b>	(forthcoming)
<b>Recommendation</b>	Hear presentation
<b>Special Consideration</b>	